

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission,

I am a young Novice amateur radio operator (27) who only uses phone privileges on 10 meters during contests. With the demands of a young family, children, husband etc, I do not have a lot of time to get on the bands. When I am on I enjoy contesting on 10 meters and other Novice contests. Bandwidth issues are not very important to me personally as a contester, the rules seem to be to take over and control a frequency or steal a frequency. This is normal practice in contests and to some extent in doing DX also.

I hope and plan on upgrading my station and license class as soon as I can. I have been inspired to do so by listening to the type of audio that I hear on 14.178. My license will not allow me to transmit on that frequency, but I do listen there quite regularly and find the hams that are there to be of the highest caliber and I have personally never heard them interfere with anyone. In fact I have heard the group there in the morning give up the established frequency and QSY to another frequency when requested to do so by another net that meets there frequently. This is not the case with others who continually harass and interfere with the audio group that meets there. It is embarrassing to listen to that type of talk and I do not want my children exposed to it either. The language used is degrading to good amateur practices.

I strongly object to having the rules changed in any way that would impact the experimentation in audio that these types of hams are doing. It has been inspiring to me to listen to them and I feel that others who meet on adjacent frequencies are trying to do what they can to interfere with the audio group because of some kind of turf battle and are using the bandwidth issue as subterfuge to get the commission to set rules that will teach these guys a lesson, and get them out of their way. What a shame our tax dollars are used to even consider this frivolous petition.

Please do not consider it any longer and let the proposed rule changes die a quick death and let the ham community regulate it's self. And by the way it is not only Gentlemen who follow long established rules, sometimes Ladies do as well.

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